

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a mascara containing a fiber component comprising
 - (a) mixing an oil phase comprising ~~wax-waxes~~ , oil, pigment and at least one oil-soluble or oil-dispersible polymer or copolymer with an aqueous phase at 65-78°C until complete emulsification is achieved, and
 - (b) mixing the emulsion of step (a) at 50-70 °C by stirring with a homogeneous, alcohol-free mixture of fiber and liquid synthetic wax, liquid polyethylene or mixtures thereof, which has been prepared at between 18 and 25°C ~~and~~
 - ~~(c) stirring at 12-20 rpm.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said at least one oil-soluble or oil-dispersible polymer or copolymer is a copolymer of maleic anhydride, an isopropylmaleate ~~or~~ and olefin monomer having between 30 and 45 carbon atoms; a copolymer of vinylpyrrolidone and long-chain alpha-olefins; a copolymer of adipic acid with fumaric acid, phthalic acid and tricyclodecane dimethiconol; a copolymer of adipic acid, cyclohexanedimethanol, maleic anhydride, neopentyl glycol and trimellitic anhydride monomer; a copolymer of adipic acid and a PPG-10 monomer; polyethylene; butadiene/isoprene copolymers; copolymers of ethyl esters or butyl esters of PVM/MA copolymers; Tricontanyl PVP; C20-40 Acid (and) Polyethylene; PVP/Eicosene; Bis-Diglyceryl Polyacyladipate-1; Polyvinyl Octadecyl Ether; or a mixture thereof.
3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein said at least one oil-soluble or oil-dispersible polymer or copolymer is Tricontanyl PVP, C20-40 Acid (and) Polyethylene, PVP/Eicosene or a mixture thereof.
4. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said fiber is poly-

ester, rayon, nylon, cotton, Teflon or spandex.

5. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the fiber has an average length of between 4 and 4.5 mm.
6. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said oil phase wax is a natural or synthetic wax which is solid at 25°C and below.
7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein said fiber is spandex.
8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein said oil phase wax is beeswax, ozokerite, carnauba wax, candelilla wax, wool wax, hard paraffin, ceresin, silicone wax, a polyethylene glycol wax or a polyethylene glycol glycol ester wax.
- 9 (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein said oil phase comprises 0.5 to 7 % by weight of at least one oil-soluble or oil-dispersible polymer or copolymer and 0.5 to 10 % by weight of a an inorganic pigment.
10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said emulsion of step (a) is mixed with 0.3 to 10 % by weight of a natural or synthetic fiber and 1 to 10 % by weight of a liquid synthetic wax.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein no water-soluble or water-dispersible hydrophilic polymers, film-forming agents, thickeners or clays are added to the mascara.
12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the homogeneous, alcohol-free mixture of fiber and liquid synthetic wax, liquid polyethylene or a mixture thereof, has been prepared at between 18 and 25°C and stirring at 12-20 rpm ~~said fibers are premixed with liquid synthetic wax~~ before incorporation into the emulsion of step (a).